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**Project Purpose:**

This Project will greatly improve traffic circulation and freeway capacity on State Route 99 in Madera County. Local street traffic will be dramatically decreased. The traveling public will benefit from added safety improvement and travel times will be reduced. The purpose of the project is to improve safety and provide congestion relief for current and future local and regional traffic and provide route continuity by converting the roadway from an expressway to freeway.

**Project Description:**

This project proposes to convert a segment of State Route 99, near the Fairmead community in Madera County, from a four-lane expressway to a six-lane divided freeway on an ultimate eight-lane right-of-way. The project will convert three miles of State Route 99 from south of Avenue 21 (post mile 19.6), to just south of the State Route 152/99 Separation (post mile 22.6). The proposed project would correct existing roadway deficiencies for this segment of State Route 99, widen the shoulders to standard width, and close the at-grade intersections to correct safety and operational problems associated with the intersections. Other proposed changes include: closure of median crossing, realignment of the freeway mainline to the west, construction of an Interchange at Avenue 22 and a drainage basin near Road 20.

**Construction Cost:** \$38 Million

**Anticipated to Begin Construction:** Fall 2004

**Anticipated End of Construction:** Fall 2006

**Funding Sources:**

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP and IIP), state and federal funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

**Agency Responsibilities:**

Caltrans: Design, Planning, Right of Way Acquisition and Construction Management.

**Project Map on Reverse**

# State Route 99

## Fairmead Project

